

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been amended. Claims 9-11 and 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 21-27 have been added. Claims 1-8, 12-14 and 21-27 are still pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

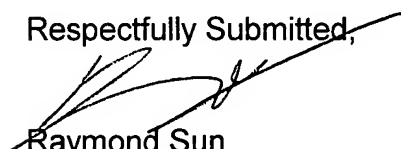
First, the specification has been amended to capitalize "VELCRO".

Second, claims 15 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

The allowability of claims 2 and 3 is gratefully acknowledged. As a result, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, and claim 3 has been rewritten into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1. New claims 21-27 have been added to depend from claim 3. Thus, claims 1 and 3, and claims 2, 4-8, 12-15, and 21-27 depending therefrom, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

In light of the above, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any informal matters that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any suggestions or ideas that would further advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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